Dublin 16/Ebrd-1858

My dear friend Mary

I have but a few minutes to say that your last letter grieved me very much. You told us that Mr Chapman had decreed the end of the Bazaar. You now say that the conclusion is by no means approved of from "Cross to collect the odoin [illegible] of the rest of the committee. We had the intelligence from Mrs. Chapman in such a multitude of letters that the only thing we could do was to do the best we could by wrote invitations for Philadelphia that they might not go to Rochester, & meaning to send whatever money we could collect to Boston. The feeling around the [illegible] of the Bazaar was almost unanimous on this side. But I greatly fear it will be very difficult to mend all the mischief that has been done & to bring round the contributions to their former amount. This letter says the is with us now - that You will have to fight it out Yourselves - for that we have merely heard the best of the position in which we were placed. I do not think Mrs Chapman could have thought any one she entitled to act in this high handed way.

Mr Stanhope has paid me for his
Liberator Standard 12/6 each
Miss Cotton is quite satisfied about
the advocate and as far as she is
concerned help will not be withheld.
Mrs Wigham & she in Dublin have
had many conferences. Anything
we can do will continue to be done for
the Cause only let us know the best way
& we will try & follow your lead. Mrs
C. should have taken advice. Nobody
is too old or too good or great to learn
the need of it. Being somewhat of an
idolater by nature I dont like to hear any
of my fellow mortals lifted by too perfect
an attainment that they are afterwards
only worked.
I thank you heartily for the pleasure
we got from. Rents & real pleasure
to see even Ears shadow. I always
make Allowance for such things. They
read, or almost never confer upon
Nature second hand works. I think
we had better say no more on the
Advocate about the Bazaar or no
Bazaar tho we had from Ran & Lee
has been Chairman Regard Ears rebellious

I enclose two stamps with a letter which
I ask them to forward as it
regards the death of a friend

Yours ever affectionately

Robert Burns

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